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Hon. the Minister for Public Works said on October 21—although he originally had denied the fact—that he did receive the report? I am not asking any particular question of a confidential nature. Did the Planning Commission tell this Government that the date on which this Government received the report also should be treated as confidential? I want to know the date; the public are anxious to know something about all this. There is no use of side-tracking the issue when the Central Government said that they had sent the report."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—"There is no question of side-tracking on our part. When a paper is marked confidential, all matters relating to it must be treated as confidential. I have already said, if hon. Members are very particular as to the date when it was received or it was posted, even that question should be referred to the Minister in charge at Delhi and not here."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM:—"In view of the fact that the Minister has said that the report was forwarded in September, what is the objection of this Government to giving the date of its actual receipt here? Is the date of receipt also confidential?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—"I am bound by the direction given to me along with the posting of the paper. I am bound to do in courtesy as well as in administrative propriety what I have been asked by them to do. If the hon. Member has got an answer from the Minister in Delhi, he should be satisfied with that."

SRI VAVILALA GOPALAKRISHNAIAH:—"ఈ ప్రశ్న వేసిన నాకు అవకాశము ఇవ్వలేదండి."

MR. SPEAKER:—"I have allowed enough time for this question. I cannot allow every hon. Member to put supplementary questions in a House where we have 375 Members."

SRI VAVILALA GOPALAKRISHNAIAH—"On a point of order, Sir, నేను ప్రశ్న వేసే, నాకే అవకాశమివ్వకుండా ఉండడం అన్యాయమండి."

MR. SPEAKER:—"No point of order now. Next question."

Minimum wages for agricultural labourers.

* 148 *Q.*—SRI P. SYAMASUNDARA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are considering the question of fixing minimum wages to agricultural labourers; and

(*b*) if so, the present stage of the matter?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—"(*a*) Yes, Sir.

"(*b*) A special enquiry was conducted in the low wage areas of the State. The results of the enquiry are under examination. Orders will be issued after the examination is over."

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SRI C. V. K. RAO :—" How long will it take to examine these proposals? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" We have referred the matter to the Economic Adviser who has given his tentative report. It is being examined by the Board of Revenue, the Commissioner of Labour and the Director of Agriculture. It will be published as a notification for public criticism. I do not think it will take long. If the hon. Member will have some patience, it will not take more than six months."

10-50 a.m. SRI V. SRI KRISHNA :—" నాట్లు వేసింది మొదలు మరల కోతలు కోసే వరకు కూలీలకు పనులు దొరకక unemployment సమస్య ఎక్కువ అవుతుంది. దీనికి తక్కువ కూలీ అధిక ధరలు తోడైపడిస్తాయి. కనుక ఇప్పుడైనా ప్రభుత్వము కూలీలకు కనీస వేతనాల గురించి ఒక బిల్లు ప్రవేశ పెట్టుతుందా ? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The Hon. Member may put a separate question."

SRI M. VEERABHADRAM :—" గవర్నమెంట్ అగ్రికల్చరల్ ఫారములో పనిచేసేటువంటి కూలీల విషయాన్ని కూడా పరిశీలనకు తీసుకుంటారా ? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I think, Sir, that category of employees are also under consideration."

SRI K. R. SAMBANDAM :—" May I know whether they will take into consideration the Mayuram agreement and such other things included in the Tanjore Tenants and Pannaiyal Protection Bill in fixing the agricultural minimum wages."

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Notice, Sir."

SRI G. ANJANEYULU :—" ఈ కూలీల రేటును నిర్ణయించడానికి ఇంకా ఎంతకాలము అవుతుంది. ఇదివరలో దీనినిగురించి ఒక కమిటీకూడా వేశారు. ఈ కమిటీ ఏమి రిపోర్టుయిచ్చింది? ఈ wages నిర్ణయముచేయడానికి ఎంత కాలమవుతుందో మంత్రిగారు సెలవివ్వగలరా ? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, I have just answered this question. The matter is being examined by the Board of Revenue, the Commissioner of Labour and the Director of Agriculture. After this is done, it will be published for eliciting public opinion. I said, all this may not take more than six months. It may be done even earlier. I will try my best to bring it out earlier."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" ఈ విషయములో Labour Commissioner మొదలైనటువంటి ఉద్యోగస్థులు విచారణచేసిన తరువాత రిపోర్టు ప్రజలకు అందజేస్తామని చెప్పి, తరువాత ప్రజలకు అందచేసేందుకు ఎక్కువకాలము అవుతుందని చెప్పేదానికంటె ఈ Labour Commissioner మొదలైనటువంటి ఉద్యోగస్థులు పరిశీలనచేయకుండానే దానిని వెంటనే ప్రజలకు అందజేసినట్లయితే ప్రజాభిప్రాయాలను తెలుసుకొనడానికి వీలుంటుందికదా అని అడుగుతున్నాను."

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THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I might tell my hon. Friend that the Planning Commission has given me time till December 1953 to produce the report. I shall try to bring it out much earlier than the scheduled time."

(Sri P. Syamasundara Rao stood up.)

MR. SPEAKER :—" The House should realize my difficulties I have already received a large number of answers. More answers are pouring in from the Departments. I am placing about 24 questions each day before the House. Therefore it is not possible to allow all hon. Members to put supplementaries."

SRI P. SYAMASUNDARA RAO :—" ప్రశ్న వేసినది నేను. శ్యామసుందర రావును నేనే కాని నాకింతవరకు ఉపప్రశ్న వేసేందుకు chance ఇవ్వలేదు."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" The hon. Member says that he put the main question and that he was not allowed to put supplementaries."

MR. SPEAKER :—" If he is sitting quiet, how is it possible for me to call him? He must get up in his seat."

Memorandum submitted to the Hon. the Prime Minister of India.

* 155 Q.—SRI A. RAMASAMY THEVAR (on behalf of Sri K. T. Kosalram) : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government presented any memorandum to the Hon. the Prime Minister of India;

(b) if so, whether the Government will place a copy of it on the table of the House;

(c) whether the memorandum was pressed by the representatives of this Government in the recent Finance Ministers' Conference at New Delhi; and

(d) if so, what is the outcome?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) The subject is still under correspondence with the Government of India. The Government do not consider it proper to publish such correspondence.

" (c) & (d) The question as far as it was relevant and in the form in which it could with propriety be brought to notice at the Conference was so brought to notice.

" The Government of India accepted the principle of taking into consideration the question of providing in the National Plan for unforeseen expenditure on natural calamities and other similar contingencies arising in any part of India."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" ఏదైనా మెమొరాండం ప్రభుత్వము ఇచ్చారా అని ఇందులో ప్రశ్న వేశారు. ప్రభుత్వము ఎన్నో మెమొరాండములు ఇచ్చివుం